

Hampton University Ministers Conference and the New Jersey Council of Churches.

Reverend Davis has also devoted much of his time to various youth, community service, and civil rights organizations. He currently serves as a Trustee of the Brookdale Community College Foundation and member of the Youth Services Commission of Monmouth County. He is the Vice-President of the Monmouth County Board of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Service. At present Reverend Davis is the Chairman of the Monmouth County Minority Youth Vicinage Committee and is a life member of the NAACP. Through his work with these different groups Reverend Davis has positively influenced the lives of countless individuals.

In addition to the award he will receive on July 13, 2003 Reverend Davis has been the recipient of a number of previous awards for the remarkable work he does. Those awards include the Seacoast Association's Outstanding Service Award; New Jersey's State Federation of Colored Women's Club's Outstanding Community Service Award and Humanitarian Award; as well as recognition from the greater Red Bank NAACP.

Mr. Speaker, on this day I rise up to acknowledge a truly remarkable individual and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the distinguished Reverend Dr. Henry P. Davis, Jr. for his 30 years of devoted service to his community.

CONGRATULATING PACIFICARE HEALTH SYSTEMS ON THEIR 25TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RANDY "DUKE" CUNNINGHAM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. CUNNINGHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate PacifiCare Health Systems on their 25th anniversary as one of the nation's largest consumer health organizations. PacifiCare's primary operations include health insurance products for employer groups and Medicare beneficiaries in eight states and Guam. Currently, PacifiCare has approximately \$11 billion in annual revenues, and serves more than 3 million health plan members and over 9 million specialty company members nationwide with dental, vision, behavioral health and pharmacy benefit management services. PacifiCare Health Systems also operates a nonprofit organization, called the PacifiCare Foundation, that is devoted to charitable and educational causes that enhance the health, wellness and welfare of individuals, families, and the public at large.

On June 16, 2003, PacifiCare will celebrate its 25th anniversary as one of the nation's largest consumer health organizations, offering individuals, employers, and Medicare beneficiaries the best in consumer-driven health care and insurance products. PacifiCare Health Systems is also celebrating another important milestone—the 10th anniversary of the PacifiCare Foundation. The PacifiCare Foundation has donated more than 17 million dollars during the past 10 years to charitable and educational causes, with a focus on specific community needs in several areas, including: Health Promotion, Human/Social Service Programs; Senior Programs; Education Programs and Child/Youth Programs.

I take great pleasure in congratulating PacifiCare and its 7,500 employees on the occasion of its 25th anniversary of service to its beneficiaries, and I commend PacifiCare for its outstanding record of contributions to the health and welfare of the people of California.

HONORING JOHN MCCORMICK OF THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE

HON. WILLIAM O. LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. LIPINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to John McCormick, winner of the Walker Stone Award for editorial writing from the Scripps Howard Foundation.

John McCormick is the deputy editorial page editor of the Chicago Tribune. He joined the Chicago Tribune editorial board in 2000 and was promoted to deputy editor the following year. Prior to joining the Tribune, John worked for several years as the Chicago bureau chief for Newsweek magazine.

A native of Iowa, a graduate of Northwestern University, John gained recognition for his series of editorials on how and why Chicago must respond to its high murder rate. Once a small-town boy, John tackled big city crime head-on, proving to be a highly regarded and influential asset to Chicago's political leaders, law enforcement officers, and neighborhood groups.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring John McCormick on his achievements and wish John many years of future success.

A TRIBUTE TO ROLAND JEROME HILL

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Roland Jerome Hill in recognition of his service to his nation and his community.

Roland was born in Mount Carmel, Lancaster County, South Carolina. He began his schooling in a one-room schoolhouse. Later, he attended Mather Academy. Through his participation in various civic and political causes, Roland has continued to learn throughout his entire adult life.

Roland also coached high school football, baseball, and track for two years as an official in the South Atlantic Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association (SACIAA). More importantly, he served his country for three and a half years in WWII in the 183rd Aviation Engineers Battalion in the China-India-Burma theatre.

After arriving in New York he became involved in a long list of political and civic affairs. He has served his community through a wide range of activities that include: Master Plumber Licensing and Control Board; Fire Suppression Board; Vice President of the Local Two of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union; Vice-President of the 45th Assembly Democratic Club; Co-Chairman of the Federal Government Scatter Housing Pro-

gram; Chairman of the South Shore Fair Housing Committee; Coney Island Hospital Advisory Board; Sixty on Aging; HRA Advisory Board and HRA Subcommittee on Social Services; and as an Elder in the Homecrest Presbyterian Church.

Some of the positions he has filled in the political arena include: Co-Chairman of the Finance Committee for Shirley Chisholm for Congress, Co-Chairman of the Mel Durbin and Eugene McCarthy campaign, and Director of Senior Citizen Groups in the 10th Congressional District.

Mr. Speaker, Roland Jerome Hill is committed to improving the lives of the elderly population in his community. As such, he is more than worthy of receiving our recognition today and I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this truly remarkable gentleman.

TRIBUTE TO SUSAN S. LAFFOON

HON. ROB PORTMAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 11, 2003

Mr. PORTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding service of Susan Laffoon, a friend and distinguished constituent, who is stepping down from her duties as Vice President for Public Affairs at the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce on June 13, 2003.

Susan is a Cincinnati native, graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a BA in History, and has served our community with distinction all her adult life.

For over a quarter century, Susan has dedicated herself to the Greater Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce, where her accomplishments are impressive. She began at the Chamber in 1977 as a Specialist for Minority Business Development, took over as Program Director for Leadership Cincinnati in 1978, and became Group Executive for Administration in 1982. In 1984, she was promoted to Vice President of Government and Community Affairs. Her title changed in 2002 to Vice President, Public Affairs. In 1997, Susan was appointed Acting President of the Chamber for three months. Her commitment to the Chamber and our community is outstanding. Michael Fisher, the Chamber's President and CEO, says it best: "Susan leads by example in her collaborative style, willingness to go the extra mile, and enthusiasm for her work. She has built strong relationships with key volunteers, government officials and her staff. Equally important, she has helped deliver impressive results for our region—from State Capital bill funding wins to revised environmental policies that better balance the needs of all stakeholders."

In addition to her service at the Chamber, Susan has been active with a number of other important community organizations. Past and current leadership posts include: Trustee of the United Way and Community Chest of Greater Cincinnati; Trustee of WGUC-FM; founding Trustee and officer of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society; Trustee and alumna of the Seven Hills School; Trustee of the American Red Cross, Cincinnati Area Chapter; and Trustee of the Cincinnati Arts Festival, Inc. Susan also has been Trustee of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra for 20 years, and has given a great deal of time (over 15 years) to